

## MULTILATERAL MASTER MILITARY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

## INFORMATION EXCHANGE ANNEX

## CONCERNING

THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DATA BETWEEN WARFARE AND  
TACTICAL DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

(O-ABCA-06-01)

In accordance with the ABCANZ Multilateral Master Military Information Exchange Memorandum of Understanding (M3IEM), the Department of Defence of Australia, the Department of National Defence of Canada, the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Department of Defense of the United States of America (hereinafter "Participants") establish this Military Information Exchange Annex (MIEA).

## 1. Description:

To accomplish the ongoing requirement for a degree of commonality in tactics and procedures that will enable the easy integration of Participant's units into combined forces, this MIEA provides for the exchange -- consistent with the national laws and regulations of the Participants -- of operational and technical information and data related to tactical development in all areas of maritime warfare.

## 2. General:

a. This MIEA allows the exchange of military information and data on the basis that such exchanges will be on a balanced, reciprocal basis of approximately equivalent value among the Participants, quantitatively and qualitatively in accordance with Section II of the M3IEM. In particular, this MIEA covers the following:

(1) The exchange of current tactical procedures from tactical publications.

(2) The exchange of tactical development and evaluation (including operational analysis) information and data in the field of developmental tactics.

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(3) The exchange of information relating to the conduct, analysis and summaries (lessons learned) of exercises, trials and operations where such exercises, trials and operations relate to maritime tactics.

(4) The exchange of tactical information derived from modelling. Where possible, such modeling will be conducted on mutually compatible systems so that Participants may fully benefit from shared information.

(5) Direct liaison between Tactical Development Authorities of the Participants for the development of maritime tactics in all maritime warfare areas.

b. All information and data exchanges under this MIEA will conform to the provisions of the M3IEM, including prohibitions against the exchange or provision of weapon, sensor or related computer system software or documentation, documentation relating to ordnance acquisition or development, Production Information, or defence equipment or services contained in Section II of the M3IEM.

c. Each Participant will bear the full costs it incurs in making, managing and administering any exchanges under this MIEA. Furthermore, this MIEA provides no authority for transfer of funds or placement of contracts, in accordance with section V of the M3IEM.

### 3. Information Exchange And Security:

a. The Participants (including its civilian defense personnel and its contractor support personnel) may use the information received under this MIEA for information and evaluation purposes only: this includes its use in trials, requirements, interoperability testing, training, exercises and deliberate planning purposes and, where the Participant is involved in a combined operation, for the deployment of operations, execution and stabilization/withdrawal phases of operations. The specific prior written consent of the originating Participant is required for any other use or disclosure, including disclosure to third parties or partners in coalition operations, in accordance with Section VI of the M3IEM.

b. All the information and data exchange under this MIEA will conform to the security provisions of Sections IV, VI, VII, and VIII of the M3IEM.

c. The highest classification of information and data to be exchanged under this MIEA is Secret. The existence and provisions of this arrangement are unclassified.

d. Information and data exchange between Participants may occur at any time; however the primary forum for such exchange will be at a meeting of the Participant's Tactical Development Authorities, to be known as the Maritime Warfare Center Forum (MWCF). At these fora, the Participants expect to accomplish the following:

(1) Compare and contrast national tactical development initiatives in search of a common appreciation of the most effective and robust solutions.

(2) Capitalize on the development of national tactics, and to develop co-operative tactics for coalition efforts through the development of mutually acceptable tactics.

(3) Refine multi-national communication protocols in support of joint and combined operations through the co-operative development of new tactics.

(4) Proceed from the single navy and NATO-based tactics currently in place, through the joint operations communications protocol, to examine and select advantageous multi-ship tactics for multi-national and coalition operations.

(5) Avoid duplication of effort in areas of tactical development and operational analysis.

#### 4. Tactical Development Authorities (Project Officers):

a. For: Australia: Commander, The Royal Australian Navy Tactical Development Group (TDG).

b. For Canada: Commandant, Canadian Forces Maritime Warfare Centre (CFMWC).

c. For United Kingdom: Director, Maritime Warfare Centre (MWC).

d. For United States: Commander, Surface Warfare Development Group (SWDG).

5. Termination and Duration of this MIEA:

a. This MIEA may be terminated at any time by the written consent of the Participants, who will consult at the appropriate level prior to the date of termination to ensure termination on the most equitable terms. In the event that a Participant desires to withdraw from this MIEA, it may withdraw upon 60 days notification to the other Participants. Termination or withdrawal from this MIEA will be subject to the provisions of Section X of the M3IEM.

b. This MIEA will remain in effect for a period of five years from the date of the last signature. Before the expiration of this MIEA, the Participants will review the MIEA and may, by mutual written consent, extend the MIEA for additional periods of up to five years each.

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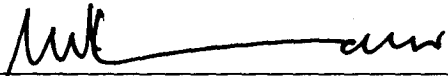
  
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